Key Education Legislation

1995 (Senator)

Senator Musgrove sponsored legislation creating the Support Our Students program to provide high quality after-school mentoring activities and related services for at-risk children in grades K-9.

1996 (Lt. Governor)

SB 2022 Provided salary supplement for those teachers earning National Board certification

1997 (Lt. Governor)

SB 2649 Public school finance; implement MS Adequate Education Funding formula

1998 (Lt. Governor)

- HB 609 Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998
- HB 1443 School attendance officers; place under supervision of State Department of Education

1999 (Lt. Governor)

- SB 2156 Assistance program for schools failing to meet accreditation; provide accountability and incentive grants (Mississippi Student Achievement Act of 1999 which required State Board of Education to implement a performance-based accreditation system and to set annual performance standards to measure the performance of each school itself, using student growth and performance measures.)
- SB 2508 Salary supplement for school counselors who obtain national certification; authorize

2000 (Governor)

- HB 418 Early childhood services interagency coordinating council and advisory committee; establish
- HB 1134 Incentive grants for improving schools and accountability plan for low-performing schools; establish (5-year teacher pay raise plan)
- SB 2488 Incentive grants for improving schools and accountability plan for low-performing schools; provide (2000 accountability bill which complimented 1999's SB 2156 and further clarified requirements for establishing new accountability standards, making accreditation levels reflective of student performance at the school level.)

2001 (1st Extraordinary Session) (Governor)

HB 1 Teachers' salaries; delete 5% revenue estimate growth requirement for implementing annual raises

2003 (Governor)

- HB 1033 Appropriation; K-12, college, university and other educational activities (signed February 5, 2003)
- SB 2678 Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges, and Institutions of Higher Learning (signed February 5, 2003)